

JUDGE WILL DECIDE AS TO POLL TAXES

Will Say Whether or Not Treasurer Must Certify Where They Are Paid in Person.

CHARGE AGAINST AN OFFICER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 11.—After hearing argument and testimony in the case on the question of whether or not it is the duty of the City Treasurer to differentiate between those paying their poll taxes in person and those saving their taxes paid by others, Judge William Martin, of the Law and Chancery Court, today reserved his decision.

N. T. Green and John B. Jenkins, representing L. W. Tazewell, George L. Arps and C. H. Bull, plaintiffs in the case, contended that the differentiation should be made by the City Treasurer at the time of certification to the clerk of court as to registrations. Judge Thomas H. Wilcox, representing City Treasurer Herman, contended that such a thing was impossible and unheard of on the part of a treasurer, and maintained that the plaintiffs, where they believed a voter had not duly qualified, should challenge him at the polls, putting the voter on oath as to the matter in question.

Judge Martin reserved his decision, expecting to pass directly on the question of whether or not the law contemplates that the treasurer shall certify only to those paying poll taxes in person.

Charges Against Officer.
Mrs. F. E. Watson, residing at No. 116 Church Street, today entered complaint against Patrolman C. R. Coley, charging that he forced his way into her room, where she was ill and confined to her bed, without securing permission, and demanded payment of \$12. The officer denies the accusation.

To Buy the Meters.
Mayor Riddick having signed the meter ordinance, the Board of Control announced that it will purchase and install at the earliest possible moment the 1,000 meters contemplated by the law. It is required that the operation of the meter system is an absolute necessity to prevent the waste of water and to conserve the city's supply, often limited during the dry season of summer.

Dr. F. E. White, a veterinary surgeon, was fined \$5 and costs in the Police Court today on the charge of deliberately remaining in front of a trolley car and blocking its passage. Harry Pierce, a young white man, was sent to jail for ninety days by Police Justice Simmons today on the charge of robbing his friend, Frank Atwood, of \$11.

MRS. EMMERT MARRIES AGAIN.

Former Husband, Who Has Also Married, Extends Good Wishes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., December 11.—Mrs. Emma Emmert, who was a year ago divorced from her husband, William B. Emmert, a wealthy coal operator, and who later won the contest for the custody of their children—a boy and a girl—is again bride. She was married at the home of her brother, Dr. Frank P. Robinson, at Greenville, Tenn., to W. J. Bonins, a business man of Salisbury, Md. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John A. Allen, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Greenville. Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for the home of the groom.

The bride is a sister of Bird M. Robinson, a New York railroad magnate, and until recently president of the Erie, Jacksonville and Kansas City Railway. Her former husband married Miss Myrtle Johnson, of Pennsylvania Gap, Lee county, Va., soon after the decree of divorce from his first wife was granted. Since his marriage and the awarding of the custody of the children to their mother, the latter has been conducting a mercantile business in Bristol in order to support her children independent of the aid of her wealthy brother.

Learning that his former wife was about to marry again, Mr. Emmert, on an occasion when he called to see the children recently, is said to have extended to her congratulations and wished for her much happiness in her second marriage.

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BINGHAM SCHOOL.

Lecture by Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Soluble by the Glee Club.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MEANE, N. C., December 11.—Tuesday afternoon, December 11, Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College, delivered an exceedingly interesting and instructive lecture on the subject of "Mars and Its Inhabitants." Dr. Smith is a most agreeable man, personable and socially very brilliant, along scientific and educational lines, and the lecture is of a high order of merit.

Monday night the Glee Club gave a delightful soiree, which was largely attended and enjoyed by all. A joyous season of good fellowship prevailed, and every one enjoyed the singing and old-fashioned games.

The students distinguished in scholarship on the most recent report issued are as follows, viz: I. Gray, A. Crawford, Ray C. Craig, Bell, McNeill, A. Reid, Andrews, Clendenin, Godfrey, Merrimon, J. Colwell, H. Craig, Foushee, P. Lynch, W. Lynch, Street, Harris, Barker, Morrow, McAdam, Traylor, Bonnerman, Hall, H. Jones, Johnson, Kirkpatrick, Marshall, M. Taylor, Clark, Smith and Smith.

Miss Emma Craig, one of the official stenographers for Bingham School, has just returned from a delightful trip to the States. The principal, Dr. Henry Louis Smith, is a native of Meane, N. C., and is a brother of the late Myrtle White, Mrs. E. P. Cheek, and Miss Emma Craig.

HOSPITAL BOARD HAS ROUTINE SESSION

Cheering Speeches at the Very Interesting Banquet of the Chamber of Commerce.

NEWS FROM PETERSBURG

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., December 11.—Only routine business was transacted at the quarterly meeting of the special board of directors of the Central State Hospital held at that institution today. Those present were J. M. Bauserman, of Woodstock, commissioner of State Hospitals; J. Gordon Bohannon, of Surry; and Robert C. Gilham, Sr., of Petersburg. The general board will meet at the hospital on January 31.

The Business Men's Banquet.

A rousing welcome was accorded the speakers at the Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Star Hotel last night from the moment that Captain Carter R. Bishop, toastmaster, rose to introduce the first speaker, Mr. Augustus Wright, president of the organization. In a graceful speech introducing Mr. Wright, Captain Bishop evoked the sentiment of every man in the big assembly when he declared that the success of the Chamber of Commerce, as one of Petersburg's greatest institutions, was proven by the enthusiasm and good-will prevailing among all present, a declaration which was received with cheers. Mr. Wright likewise expressed his gratification in being greeted by a gathering of which the city might well be proud, and gave a most interesting review of the results accomplished by the Chamber of Commerce since its recent organization, referring especially to the improved conditions in the handling of freight at the several railroad depots, the securing of more uniform rates for local shippers, and the probability of the erection of an up-to-date union depot, in which matters the speaker spoke in high terms of the work of the Norfolk and Western railroad and of President Johnson. Mr. Wright also spoke of the co-operation of the Chamber with like organizations of other Virginia cities in the work for the establishment of immigration stations at Norfolk.

"I do not know a city in this Southland that has a better prospect, and our Chamber of Commerce is just beginning to develop it," he declared in concluding his remarks.

The Future Looks Bright.

"Gentlemen: I want to introduce to you a man who has done possibly more than any man in Virginia in aiding the industrial development of the State," said Captain Bishop in presenting Mr. Sam W. Meek, of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, who was welcomed with great applause. Mr. Meek made a speech full of comprehensive information regarding financial and industrial conditions in Virginia, and especially in Petersburg, and aglow with a confident optimism that only a golden future, as the outcome of the present, was before the city.

Unbounded prosperity of the South, Mr. Meek declared, is the slogan of today, and the speaker, who expressed his belief that "never in all the world's history has there been such an opportunity as is afforded by this industrial revolution," declared that he believed the future of the South was bright.

Mr. Alexander Hamilton, the next speaker, discussed in most interesting and thoroughly informed style the present condition in the world of finance and railroads. Mr. Hamilton concentrated Petersburg upon its long-maintained financial solidity and its enviable position in the world of money, troubles, and spoke of the comparatively sorry showing made by a great number of far larger cities. The speaker declared that the railroad attitude now so prevalent, and discussed the mutual dependence of the railroads and all branches of business.

Addresses discussing local business development were also made by Colonel George Cameron, Jr., vice-president Charles Hall Davis, of the Chamber of Commerce; State Senator Charles T. Lassiter, and Mr. W. L. Zimmler.

Petersburg in the League.

Mr. Tommy Atkins, of Richmond, announced here today that Petersburg is to be one of the cities in the Old Dominion Baseball League, which will also include Newport News, Phoebus and Suffolk.

E. L. Bridges, of this city, a well-known young engineer on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, left this morning for Nottingham, where he was to be married this afternoon to Miss Aggie A. Davis, of that county.

Miss Nellie Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney M. Green, became suddenly ill with appendicitis last evening, and was operated upon at the Petersburg Hospital about 2 o'clock this morning by Drs. H. G. Leigh, J. R. Beckwith and P. C. Davis. Miss Green is now in excellent condition with prospects of a quick recovery.

Mr. L. R. Smith, of Richmond, State vice-president of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, paid an official visit to Old Dominion Council, No. 1, of this city, last evening. Mr. Smith was accompanied by the Hon. Haddon, of Capital City Council, No. 109, of Richmond.

Negro is Fined.

In the Mayor's Court this morning Joseph Fitzgerald, a Hungarian young negro, was fined \$5 and costs on a warrant charging him with resisting a police officer, Mr. Charles T. Lassiter, who, as a notary public, and in that capacity a peace officer, commanded him to appear before him to fight on Washington Street yesterday. The negro refused to appear and was taken to the police station, where he was held until his resistance ended in the hands of a police officer.

As reported to The Times-Dispatch last evening, Charles White, who was leading a freight train while unloading a car at Waverly yesterday, died at the Petersburg Hospital yesterday afternoon. White was fearfully mangled, as it is understood, was in a dying condition when he reached the hospital.

Virginia Briefs

SPOTSVILIA, VA., December 11.—Judge John E. Mason has appointed Mr. Robert A. Stanton, supervisor of Courtland District, Spotsylvania county, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. C. R. Massey, deceased.

SUFFOLK, VA.—A fire of incendiary origin destroyed the farm-house owned by Hattie C. of Suffolk, and in charge of a negro tenant. The loss was about \$3,000. Blood, hounds were out, but trailed the wrong man. An investigation will follow. The house was on the Rich Kettle Road.

STANTON, VA.—Two prisoners from Albemarle county, in the charge of Guard Cridlin, escaped from the charging here last night by jumping a fence. They have not been recaptured. They were being kept here while the new Allegheny jail is being built.

SUFFOLK, VA.—Former Mayor R. L. Brewer, Jr., who presided over the citizens' meeting last Friday evening, has accepted the proposed new town charter. The committee will meet in the council chamber tomorrow night.

LANGLEY, VA.—Fire in the large barn of U. B. Walters, who conducts one of the big, gas dairy establishments in Piedmont, here last night, Monday night, resulted in the loss of eleven horses, twenty head of cattle, a large quantity of hay and grain, and many pieces of valuable agricultural implements. Only one

wagon was saved. The loss is estimated at \$7,000, partly covered by insurance.

BOND OF THE RECEIVERS.

Appointees Waiting to Hear From Judge Before Qualifying.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 11.—Pending the enlightenment of the court as to whether or not the decrees handed down in the receivership of the Jamestown Exposition shall each give a bond of \$50,000, or whether a joint bond for the same amount will be acceptable and give the intention of the court, Receivers Martin, Lamb and Geddes will not qualify and take charge of the assets of the company.

In the meantime the exposition property will remain in the hands of President Harry St. George Tucker and Director-General Martin. It is expected that the matter will be decided within the next twenty-four hours, the court having been communicated with by the three gentlemen named who signified their intention of accepting the trust, and will do so, qualifying as soon as the question raised has been decided.

The appointments of Judge Waddell have been received with general satisfaction by those interested in the assets of the company, and it is believed that the affairs of the company will be wound up with dispatch.

When Judge Waddell was seen last night he declined to discuss the matter further than to say that the decrees spoke for itself, and that there was no difficulty in explaining its provisions. The receivers may either give bond jointly or separately, as they prefer.

WRECK AT CHESTER.

Cars Cut Loose from Train Run Away and Smash Things.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESTER, VA., December 11.—This morning while an engine of the Tidewater and Western Railroad was placing cars on the transfer tracks here, four cars which had been cut loose from the train, got beyond the control of the brakeman, and running down the grade, caused quite a wreck. A box car loaded with iron and steel was derailed and thrown on the side against the Atlantic Coast Line's flat car, and a flat loaded with lumber was tipped almost to the top in an opposite direction, dumping its cargo down the embankment. The engine was caught in the sidetrack and could not be gotten out to quite time. So the westbound train was held till late. Two of the cars were badly damaged.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL.

North Wing Opened, Marking Completion of Building.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., December 11.—The north wing of the University of Virginia Hospital, just completed at a cost of \$35,000, was opened for use today. The event was marked by an informal reception held from 3 to 6 o'clock this afternoon, during which hours the new structure was thrown open for inspection. Mrs. Edwin A. Alderman and Miss Florence Beasley, superintendent of the hospital, received the public, and light refreshments, assisted by other members of the King's Daughters Circle.

Dr. Stephen H. Watts, of Johns Hopkins University, the newly-elected professor of general surgery, is director of the hospital.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE.

Johnson Given Fifteen Years in Penitentiary and Trice Five.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOK, VA., December 11.—In the Corporation Court at 11:29 to-night the jury in the case of E. Johnson and Robert Trice (colored), for the murder of Eugene Stewart and John Egglesey (colored), returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Johnson got fifteen years in the penitentiary and Trice five years. The double murder occurred last spring at a negro dance.

Notes From Fredericksburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., December 11.—The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church gave an enjoyable social to the members of the church last night. Mr. Granville R. Swift, president of the union, presided, and there was vocal and instrumental music, the soloists being Mrs. A. P. Rowe and Mrs. E. C. Ninde. Miss Margaret Crismond read a humorous selection. Refreshments were served and the evening's entertainment was much enjoyed.

Rev. Andrew Broadie, pastor of Salem Church, in Caroline county, who has been quite sick and confined to his bed for six weeks, is now improving.

New Pastor in King George.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KING GEORGE, VA., December 11.—Rev. R. G. James, the newly appointed minister of the Methodist churches of King George, arrived here on Friday, with his little son, having driven across the country from Gloucester, Mass. James and his wife and children only arrived this week, being detained in Fredericksburg, as the Rappahannock boat was around down the river and did not make her usual trip to and from Fredericksburg Thursday. Mr. James preached his inaugural sermon at Grace Church on Sunday to a large congregation, where he was greeted most cordially.

Portsmouth Man Robbed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 11.—G. D. McCoud, residing on Third Street, Portsmouth, reports that he was held up and nearly \$200 worth of money and jewelry was stolen from him. He declares that three men were implicated in the hold-up, he being forced to throw up his hands. Smith was accompanied by the Hon. Haddon, of Capital City Council, No. 109, of Richmond.

Smallpox in Southwest.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., December 11.—Smallpox has been epidemic at Bristol, Va., for several weeks. The disease is now spreading to East Tennessee. Four cases developed at Kingsport, twenty cases at Bristol, and many more at the health authorities are doing all in their power to prevent further spread of the disease.

Farmers' Warehouse Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
TAYLOR, TEX., December 11.—The Farmers' Union Warehouse, together with about 2,000 bales of cotton, was destroyed by fire today. Damage \$125,000, covered by insurance.

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Ranking Member of Second Squadron Takes Her Place in Line.

BALL GAMES AND GERMAN

OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., December 11.—The last vacant berth in the imposing double line of Pacific bound battleships was filled this afternoon when the heavily armored Minnesota, flagship of Rear Admiral Thomas, steamed into Hampton Road, and took her place at the head of the outwork column. The Minnesota is the ranking member of the second squadron of the fleet and Admiral Thomas, who commands this squadron, has duties and responsibilities a good way to those of the commander-in-chief, Rear Admiral Evans.

The size and dignity of the fleet that is to carry the flag through the Magellan Straits and add such an important new chapter to American naval history is best emphasized by the fact that no less than four rear admirals are in command. The battle at Santiago found a commodore and a captain temporarily assigned to flag rank as the commanding officers of the American forces. Dewey sailed into Manila Bay a commodore.

The Minnesota made a leisurely voyage down from the Brooklyn Navy Yard. It was nearly 2 o'clock this afternoon when, looking up and again slipping noisily by the guns of Fort Monroe, and let go her anchors in the restricted just opposite the Connecticut. Coal barges immediately were towed alongside and the fuel burned on the trip from Sandy Hook replaced.

Food and Ammunition.

The vast supplies of food and ammunition were being placed aboard the ships today, and the roadstead rank filled with craft of every description. Each incoming steamer of commerce from New York, Baltimore and Washington brings freight for the fleet. That the ships are ready to set sail and that all the more serious work of preparation has been accomplished is shown by the fact that given the sailors each afternoon, when football games between teams from the various ships and some time with the artillery men at the post, are played. Today the Kansas team walloped the Kentucky eleven, and the Vermont players beat the Alabama after the best sort of struggle. Several hundred blue jackets from the contesting ships were ashore, and headed by their hands, marched from ship to dock to the fort. A ball at the Chamberlin tonight was one of the first of the social features planned for navy farewell week.

Last of Cavalry Leave.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 11.—The Twelfth Cavalry, United States, the last of the government troops at the Jamestown Exposition, broke camp today, going over the Seaboard Air-Line to Fort Oglethorpe, near Chattanooga, Tenn., where they will be stationed. The troops consisted of 225 men, 260 horses, camp freight and officers. They expected to reach the fort to-morrow morning.

Negro Convicted of Murder.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., December 11.—Frank Tate, colored, was today convicted of murder in the first degree in the Corporation Court for the killing of R. E. Hendrix, also colored. Sentence has not been passed.

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FOR GROWN-UPS, Shaving Stands, Adjustable Mirrors, Fancy Work Baskets, Card Tables and Chairs, Smoking Tables.

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